

Town of Ripton Selectboard Meeting Minutes				
Date	Meeting No.	Call to order	Call to adjourn	Next Regular Meeting
07-13-2015	2015-16	7:30 p.m.	10:15 p.m.	07-27-15, 7:30, town office
Present: Members Staff	Chair Lauren Cox, Richard Collitt, Ronald Wimett Alison Joseph, board clerk/administrator			
Motions/votes	<p>Motions moved by Richard Collitt, seconded by Ronald Wimett, approved by all:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of 06-22-15 • Hearing for Old Town Rd reclassification: Aug. 31, 2015, 7:30 p.m. • The second selectboard meeting in August will be August 31st, the 5th Monday rather than the 4th Monday • Compensation for overnight holding of a stray dog by an approved person other than the animal control officer, \$20.00 • Resolved that the Town will place a bid for the Gordon Drummond property at tax sale if there is no qualified bidder • 35 mph speed limit for Route 125 at the Bread Loaf Campus between Steam Mill Rd and Brooks Rd • 2015-16 municipal tax rate: 0.4906 (Total tax rates: 2.3489 homestead, 2.052 non-residential Total rates include: the locally voted exemption rate of 0.0076 and the state homestead education rate 1.8507 or non-residential education tax rate 1.5538) • Community House rental rate for AA group event \$50.00 • Orders: General Fund \$7,486.31 <p>R. Collitt moved, L. Cox, seconded, both approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders: Roads \$5,487.50 			
Agenda & Discussion				
1. Agenda	Added discussion of potential zoning violations to Old Business			
2. Visitors	None			
3. Minutes	Approved minutes of 06-22-15			
4. Old Business				
a. Old Town Road	Classification process, signs, bridge and road work, were discussed. A public hearing for reclassification will be held August 31 st .			
b. Roads	Roads are holding up. Chloride: delivered. Culverts: replaced large culvert on Ira Dow Rd. Grading: re-graded Steam Mill Rd, graded town portion of Brooks Rd. Mowing: the first round of roadside mowing is done. Signs: are here for Old Town Rd.			
c. FEMA DR4207	Debris clean-up is complete.			
d. Speed complaints	The Sheriff's deputies helped slow traffic on the North Branch Rd. Complaints about speeding on Maiden Lane were reported. See New Business, item a. for complaints about traffic speed on Route 125.			
e. Noise complaints	Complaints of noise in the Maiden Lane area were reported. It is expected that trucks will be hauling gravel from a Route 125 project to Maiden Lane. The primary contractor, Champlain Construction, will be requested to limit the hours during which this is done to 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.			
f. Dogs	Three stray dogs were reported since the last meeting. Suggestions were made for places to hold dogs until owners could be found. For overnight holding at Ripton locations other than the animal control officer, \$20 compensation for 1 overnight was approved. If the owner was not found the next day, the dog would be taken to Homeward Bound.			
g. Buildings	The playground and facilities management were discussed.			

h. Computers	The town's internet domain name transferred to a new vendor and expired causing the website and email to be unavailable. The problem was solved, though website issues remain.
i. Cemeteries	The Vermont Land Trust required additional permit work about the Middlebury College land donation to Galvin Cemetery. Written confirmation that the donation left all parcels exempt from State permits was obtained.
j. Tax sale	A tax sale is scheduled for the Gordon Drummond property at 4509 Lincoln Rd, Aug. 19 th , 2 p.m., at the town office. Attendance by a selectboard member was discussed. The board approved, as it did for a prior potential tax sale of this property, a resolution to enter a bid for the property if no qualified buyer does.
k. Zoning violations	Zoning and junk issues at 1198 Lincoln Rd, 1407 Lincoln Rd, and 4155 Lincoln Rd were discussed.
5. New Business	
a. Bread Loaf speed limit	Though Route 125 is a State road, changes to the speed limit must be approved by the Town. The selectboard approved the Middlebury College request to change the speed limit on Route 125 at the Bread Loaf campus to 35 mph, as the 1973 selectboard had, and discussed a resident request to extend the 35 mph further east. (see motions/votes above)
b. Audit services	Six audit proposals were reviewed and two firms selected for follow-up with references.
c. Tax rate	Budget and non-tax income were reviewed and tax rates calculated: 2015-16 municipal tax rate: 0.4906 The 0.4906 plus a 0.0076 locally voted exemption rate for Silver Towers and a veteran's exemption = 0.4982. With the homestead education rate of 1.8501, and the non-residential education tax rate of 1.5538 the total tax rates are: 2.3483 homestead, 2.052 non-residential. (see motions/votes above)
d. Officer reports	Delinquent tax collector- total due \$26,886.74
e. Correspondence	Community House rental request – an organization's request to rent the Community House at a reduced rate was approved (see motions/votes above); Nature Conservancy – Geomorphic Compatibility and Aquatic Organism Passage Culvert Assessments report; various newsletters and VTrans notices
5. Next meeting	07-27-15 Agenda: items from these minutes, new business
6. Bills/orders	Approved roads and general fund orders (see motions/votes)

Lauren Cox

Ronald Wimett

Richard Collitt